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FIA awards \$554,300 in grants to 167 child day care providers and child care centers in 56 counties

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Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Family Independence Agency director Marianne Udow today announced \$554,300 in new grants to licensed or registered child care providers who serve children from low-income families subsidized by the Family Independence Agency. Udow said 167 EQUIP grants range in amounts from \$592-\$15,000 with all but five grants in a range from \$592-\$3,500.

The grant program, called Enhanced Quality Improvement Program or EQUIP, is funded by the FIA and aimed at increasing the quality and quantity of child care in Michigan communities. The Michigan 4C Association, a partner with the FIA in helping public assistance recipients stay in the work force, administers it. 4C stands for Community Coordinated Child Care.

"These grants help increase access to quality child care," said Granholm. "The grants help provide assistance to low-income families around Michigan with affordable, safe services through child care providers and child care centers."

The Lansing-based Michigan 4C Association selected the grantees in this funding cycle. EQUIP grants were awarded for proposals that address equipment, computers and resources to build child care capacity throughout the state, support childhood development at [care centers](#) and improve staff knowledge and caregiver techniques. EQUIP grants help local [child care providers](#) develop service options during afternoon, evening and weekend work shifts, and ways to care for infants and children with special needs. Provider start-up grants help communities better meet the needs of their low-income families.

"The EQUIP grant program supports families and children as adults work toward financial independence," said Udow. "Access to safe, affordable day care service is critical to the success of low-income families."

Working collaboratively with the FIA, the Michigan 4C Association regularly awards EQUIP grants to increase licensed child care capacity across the state. In December the FIA awarded \$508,624 to 156 child care providers. From Fiscal Year 1998 through the current funding cycle, the FIA has distributed more than \$6.5 million in EQUIP grants funds. A list of current grantees follows. **For more information on EQUIP grantees in any county, contact the Michigan 4C Association at this toll-free number: (800) 950-4171.**

Read more on child care services at www.michigan.gov/fia under "Day Care"

START UP GRANTS

Centers

County	Program Name	Last Name	First Name	City	Grant
Genesee	Kidcare Child Development Center	Klier-Jones	Tracy	Davison	\$15,000
Ingham	Higher Ground	Phillips	Yvonne	Lansing	\$14,400
Ottawa	Step By Step Children's Center	Robinson	Karen	Marne	\$6,865
Roscommon	Kidz Korner	Bellor	Kimberley	Houghton Lake	\$14,512
Tuscola	Cardinal Center	Wright	Carolyn	Kingston	\$15,000
Wayne	Mother Jones Child Development	Frye	Rita	Belleville	\$2,049
					\$67,826

Family & Group Homes

County	Last Name	First Name	City	Grant
Berrien	Burns	Julie	St. Joseph	\$3,500
Calhoun	Johnson	Delois	Albion	\$3,094
Cheboygan	Evans	Kristen	Cheboygan	\$3,500
Chippewa	Jones	Eleisha	Sault Ste Marie	\$2,600
Clare	McComber	Jennifer	Farwell	\$3,500
Dickinson	Ray	Wendy	Norway	\$3,465
Grand Traverse	Kushner	Angela	Williamsburg	\$3,500
Houghton	Almli	Denise	Calumet	\$3,447
Jackson	Carcamo	Beverly	Jackson	\$2,587
Kalamazoo	Miner	Michelle	Portage	\$1,740
Marquette	Dionne	Sara	Marquette	\$2,587
Mecosta	Burson	Shelley	Paris	\$1,700
Midland	Totten	Dawn	Midland	\$2,046
Oceana	Valentine	Autumn	Mears	\$3,500
Osceola	Hall	Stephanie	Marion	\$3,500
Van Buren	Carter	Thelma	Kalamazoo	\$1,440
Wayne	Washington	Lucinda	Detroit	\$2,040
Wayne	Lee	Laura	Detroit	\$2,330
				\$50,076

Round II Grants

County	Program Name	Last Name	First Name	Grant	Project
Allegan	Gramma Peg's Daycare	Payne	Jean	\$2,358	infant equipment, computer
Allegan		Quinnell	Peggy	\$3,500	septic system
Allegan		Bovenkerk	Loraine	\$3,471	fence, carpet, outdoor & infant equipment
Allegan		Heavilin	Jody	\$3,488	home repairs, outdoor & infant equipment
Antrim		Greiner-Ash	Patricia	\$3,188	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities
Arenac		Albrecht	Lisa	\$3,496	indoor activities, infant equipment
Baraga		LeRue	Mary	\$3,497	outdoor & infant equipment, storage, indoor activities
Bay		Miller	Star	\$3,461	computer, outdoor equipment, beds
Bay		Pfundt	Susan	\$2,858	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities, computer
Bay		Pauwels	Brooke	\$2,484	computer, storage, infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Berrien		Connell	Denise	\$3,488	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities
Berrien		Billings	Kelley	\$3,383	infant & outdoor equipment, storage, resource material
Berrien		Taylor	Diane	\$1,565	infant equipment
Berrien		Trueblood	Dawn	\$3,010	outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Berrien		Holland	Eunice	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, storage, indoor activities
Berrien		Chambers	Star	\$3,500	indoor activities, infant & outdoor equipment, computer, storage
Branch		Prince	Krystal	\$3,498	infant & outdoor equipment, storage, indoor activities, printer
Branch		Ware	Angela	\$3,269	indoor activities, infant equipment, storage, resource material
Calhoun		Nash	Pamela	\$3,423	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities, beds
Calhoun	Sparky's Nest	Sims	June	\$3,465	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Calhoun		Goheen	Cindy	\$1,150	outdoor equipment
Calhoun		Jozlin	Therese	\$3,479	indoor activities
Charlevoix		Brooks	Christine	\$3,500	indoor activities, storage
Charlevoix		Perrault	Marianne	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, storage, indoor activities
Charlevoix		Herriman	Karmen	\$2,067	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities
Cheboygan		Stahl	Kimberly	\$3,500	outdoor & infant equipment
Cheboygan		Brasseur	Tina	\$2,611	carpeting, infant equipment, indoor activities
Cheboygan		Hansen	Emily	\$3,476	outdoor & safety equipment, indoor activities
Chippewa		Jewell	Karen	\$3,455	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities, bedding
Chippewa		Ward	Wendy	\$3,489	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities, storage
Crawford		Cobb	Amy	\$3,450	carpeting, fence, indoor activities, outdoor equipment, computer
Delta		Bougie	Barbara	\$2,776	infant equipment, indoor activities, computer
Delta		Barron	Barbara	\$3,414	computer, ramp, fence, beds, safety equipment
Eaton		Hause	Tina	\$3,435	computer, outdoor & infant equipment, water filter
Eaton		Brock	Carrie	\$3,500	bed, table & chairs, computer
Emmet		Beardsley	Mandy	\$2,918	safety & infant equipment, printer, indoor activities
Genesee	Montessori Children's House	Thomas	Penny	\$2,775	safety & infant equipment, storage, indoor activities
Genesee		Pitts	Charles	\$3,431	infant & outdoor equipment, computer
Genesee		Tischbein	Shannon	\$2,533	infant & outdoor equipment
Genesee		Bost	Ella	\$3,500	storage, indoor activities, outdoor equipment, air purifier

Round II Grants

Genesee		Slingland	Judith	\$3,486	infant equipment, rest mats, indoor activities
Genesee	Bridon's Child Development Center	Cooley	Theresa	\$3,500	indoor activities, outdoor equipment, storage
Genesee	Rainbow Learning Neithercut	Lyons	Kimberly	\$3,464	infant equipment, indoor activities
Genesee		Girodat	Ann	\$2,000	indoor activities
Genesee		Mixon	Twynette	\$2,967	indoor activities, outdoor equipment, computer
Grand Traverse		Wisniewski	Kimberly	\$1,614	outdoor & infant equipment, rest mats
Grand Traverse		Lally	Mary Jo	\$3,332	fence
Grand Traverse		Udell	Melissa	\$3,295	safety, infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities, storage
Grand Traverse		Donovan	Carrie	\$2,406	rest mats, storage, outdoor equipment
Gratiot		Harrison	Rozena	\$3,500	fence
Gratiot		Brune	Melanie	\$3,497	fence, outdoor & infant equipment, storage, indoor activities
Gratiot		Rodriguez	Mandy	\$3,500	remodeling, indoor activities, outdoor equipment
Gratiot		Pierce	Annette	\$3,499	computer, indoor activities, infant equipment
Huron		Sherman	Cindy	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Ingham	Little Blessings Day Care	Lewis	Dianne	\$2,806	infant, outdoor & safety equipment, indoor activities
Ingham		Marshall	YaSheema	\$3,494	infant equipment, beds, computer, indoor activities
Ingham		Driver	Michelle	\$3,065	infant equipment, indoor activities
Ingham		Harris	Rachelle	\$3,488	egress window, carpeting, computer, infant & outdoor equipment
Ingham		Ames	Cheri	\$3,496	computer, outdoor & infant equipment, fence
Ingham		Moreno	Elizabeth	\$2,362	computer, indoor activities, safety equipment
Ionia		Earles	Milissa	\$2,907	infant & outdoor equipment
Ionia		Nave	Jessica	\$3,426	indoor activities, outdoor & infant equipment, computer, furnace, storage
Iron	Jackies Daycare	Lang	Jacqueline	\$2,014	fence, cots
Isabella		Faber	Karla	\$592	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Jackson		Ambs	Stacey	\$1,173	computer
Kalamazoo		Holland	Corina	\$3,483	fence, outdoor & infant equipment, bed
Kent	Baxter Community Ctr DC	Lacy	Ollie	\$3,106	indoor activities
Kent		Gray	Susan	\$3,497	fence, outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities
Kent		Robertson	Francine	\$3,499	indoor activities, outdoor & infant equipment
Kent		Delgado	Maria	\$3,479	outdoor equipment, indoor activities, computer
Kent		Klein	Sarah	\$2,583	computer, fence, outdoor & infant equipment
Kent		Dupree	Betty	\$3,500	fence, carpeting, indoor activities
Kent		Denton	Catina	\$3,500	indoor activities, computer, infant equipment
Kent		Wiersema	Laurie	\$3,063	infant & outdoor equipment, computer
Lake	Mickey's Day Care	Draper	Michelle	\$3,488	fence, computer, outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities
Lapeer		Kooistra	Diana	\$3,500	storage, indoor activities, outdoor equipment
Macomb		Vest	Pamela	\$3,488	infant & outdoor equipment, storage, indoor activities
Macomb		Lichtle	Julie	\$3,310	remodeling, storage, cots
Marquette		Clement	Carol	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities, storage, computer
Marquette	Kids-R-Us CDC	Redfern	LaTonya	\$3,478	infant equipment, indoor activities
Marquette	Chocolay Children Center	Bera	Lisa	\$3,500	flooring, outdoor equipment

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Mason		Lake	Dawn	\$3,035	infant & outdoor equipment, fence, indoor activities
Mecosta		Vinton	Tammy	\$1,209	outdoor equipment, fence
Menominee		Beaudo	Stacy	\$2,673	fence, computer, indoor activities, infant equipment
Monroe	Suzy's Daycare	Sanford	Sue	\$958	computer, indoor activities
Monroe	Little House of Hugs I	McElvany	Jayme	\$3,497	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Monroe		Braden	MaryLouise	\$3,500	storage, carpeting, indoor activities, outdoor equipment
Montcalm		Anderson	Christa	\$3,461	infant & outdoor equipment, fence, computer, indoor activities
Muskegon		Falcon	Antoinette	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, cots, indoor activities
Muskegon		Bedford	Rebecca	\$3,499	indoor activities, outdoor equipment, resource material
Muskegon		Schultz	Sandra Kay	\$1,154	outdoor equipment, gates
Muskegon		Agular	Francisca	\$3,194	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Muskegon		Slatton	Tricia	\$2,860	fence, outdoor & infant equipment, cots, storage
Muskegon		Birdsley	Candace	\$2,311	outdoor equipment, furniture, cots, indoor activities
Newaygo		Meyette	Dawn	\$3,493	beds, infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Newaygo		Harper	Lois	\$2,437	Infant equipment, indoor activities, storage
Newaygo		Frens	Heidi	\$3,473	outdoor & infant equipment, storage
Newaygo		Proctor	Carla	\$2,724	outdoor & infant equipment, computer
Oakland		Giant	Kimberly	\$3,500	classroom loft
Oakland	Tots Academy Home Day Care	Johnson	Carmita	\$3,500	infant & safety equipment, indoor activities, storage
Oakland		Lacascio	Anthony	\$2,821	remodeling, cots, storage, computer
Oakland	DayCare of Love Learning Ctr	Love	Katrena	\$3,500	indoor activities, outdoor equipment
Oakland		Brown	Mary	\$2,473	fence, safety equipment
Oceana		Beyer	Sara	\$2,542	flooring, rest mats, indoor activities
Oceana		Gust	Susan	\$2,570	infant & outdoor equipment, computer
Oceana		White	Amy	\$3,448	fence, outdoor equipment
Oceana		Rasmussen	Leslie	\$3,496	fence, outdoor equipment, storage, indoor activities
Oceana		DeLong	Jaime	\$3,500	fence, outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Ontonagon		Burrows	Carmen	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities, computer
Oscoda		Downey	Lorri	\$3,160	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities, computer
Otsego		Slack	Nancy	\$1,494	outdoor equipment
Ottawa	Falcon Woods Child Care	Torres	Ana	\$1,500	air purifiers
Ottawa	Loving Hearts, Little Hands	Wieghmink	Dawn	\$3,500	outdoor equipment
Ottawa		Hitsman	Tracy	\$3,500	infant equipment, storage
Ottawa	Bright Beginnings Child Care Ctr	Villaverde	Elizabeth	\$1,423	carpeting, rocker, storage
Ottawa		Jacques	Shannon	\$2,704	outdoor equipment, indoor activities, computer
Saginaw		Daniels	Valvet	\$2,800	infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Saginaw		Slagle	Carolyn	\$3,245	egress window, infant equipment, indoor activities
Saginaw		Harrison	Davana	\$3,241	outdoor & infant equipment, storage
Saginaw		Straight	Melissa	\$3,470	infant & outdoor equipment, cots, indoor activities, computer
Saginaw		Dinninger	Sarah	\$3,500	computer, fence, outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Saginaw		Walker	Deirdra	\$3,364	outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities

Round II Grants

Sanilac		Williams	Stella	\$3,494	rest mats, infant equipment, storage, fence
St. Joseph	Pooh Corner at Huss School	Hambright	Theresa	\$3,283	cots, storage, infant equipment, indoor activities
Tuscola		Pringle	Angela	\$3,500	infant equipment, indoor activities
Van Buren		Johnson	Barbara	\$1,570	computer, indoor activities
Van Buren		Robertson	Jean	\$2,894	outdoor & safety equipment, computer
Van Buren		Buentello	Barbara	\$3,497	carpet, storage, fence
Washtenaw	Our Fathers Child II, Inc	Mroz	Dorene	\$3,495	outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Wayne		Hurst	Catrina	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, bed, indoor activities, computer
Wayne		Brody	Lillie	\$3,223	storage, indoor activities, outdoor equipment
Wayne	Our Fathers Child Inc	Mroz	Dorene	\$3,490	infant equipment, storage
Wayne	John Evans Montessori Center	Matthews	Wanda	\$3,453	storage, indoor activities, infant equipment
Wayne		White	Michelle	\$3,426	outdoor & infant equipment, carpeting
Wayne		Fry	Rhoda	\$3,500	computer, indoor activities, outdoor equipment, resource material
Wayne		Young	Stephanie	\$3,500	infant & outdoor equipment, computer, indoor activities
Wayne		Clayton	Sonya	\$3,500	indoor activities, outdoor & infant equipment
Wayne		Frazier	Grashele	\$2,079	infant equipment, indoor activities, computer
Wayne		Chammout	Leila	\$3,490	computer, infant & outdoor equipment
Wayne	Precious Gems Childcare	Frison	Kathryn	\$3,381	indoor activities, storage
Wayne	Cradle of Love Daycare	McClain	Michelle	\$3,492	outdoor equipment, indoor activities
Wayne	Rainbow Rascals Learning Center	Adams	Melinda	\$2,424	indoor activities, outdoor equipment
Wayne		Roberson-Rosser	Carolyn	\$1,260	outdoor & infant equipment, printer
				\$436,398	